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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Block 529 - District Courthouse				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Block 529 - Madison St. near Guilford Ave.				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY:		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: State of Maryland				
STREET AND NUMBER: 301 West Preston St.				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		21202
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Records Office, Room 601				
STREET AND NUMBER: City Courthouse				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		21202
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): GR 370-8				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1975				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Room 900				
STREET AND NUMBER: 26 South Calvert St. Baltimore, Md. 21202				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1967, this red brick and pebble-sprayed building is composed of two sections:

- 1) A two story high office section, set above the ground on steel columns with a parking lot underneath;
- 2) A one story high courtroom section; which rests on the ground and which contains the main, Madison St. entrance.

The long side of the building runs perpendicular to the slope of the site (down from Calvert to Guilford), thus easily accommodating the space for covered parking while allowing the first floors of each section to be nearly on the same level.

The office section is seven structural bays long and three wide. Above each column on the face of the building are narrow panels of brick, flanked by windows on either side, of equal width. Wider dabs of brick divide each such tripartite composition within each bay and at the corners. The aluminum, sashed windows of the first and second floors each rest above pebbled panels. The windows are composed of four wide lights set one on top of the other; the center light is hinged horizontally, the outer lights are fixed.

The windowless courtroom section is irregularly articulated with brick slabs of varying width projecting above the roofline. They are separated horizontally by uniformly wide vertical bays of concrete block sprayed with gold-tone pebbles, with aluminum ribbon cornices. The one story high entrance is at the extreme left, adjoining the office section. It is a tripartite entrance framed by unadorned brick, which contains a pair of glass and aluminum doors flanked by floor to ceiling plate glass windows framed in aluminum. The side of this section is windowless, painted concrete block.

The buildings extend almost the entire length of the block where a small, walled and chained off parking lot separates it from Monument St. The Monument St. side is faced entirely in the same brick as the front and Guilford Street facades. The only break in the wall is a raised, plate glass and aluminum entrance, reached from the sidewalk by a concrete, ramped platform which runs across the face of the one story section, cutting across the sunken parking lot which swings under the office section.

The only ornament on the building is a group of aluminum letters on the brick above the main entrance which identifies the building, and a series of decorative aluminum ventilator grills which mark the division of the floors on the windowed bays of the two story section.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Poppleton Survey map of Baltimore, 1822, shows that as early as that year a canal cut south across Block 529, connecting the Jones Falls to several area milling operations, and extending to Centre St. By 1873, the canal had been filled in to Madison St. and the Northern Central Railroad owned the ground, undoubtedly utilizing it as a freight depot, for the block bordered their tracks, which ran down North (now Guilford) Street. The 1896 Bromely atlas of Baltimore indicates that by that time the block was built with a freight warehouse, owned and occupied by the Adams Express Company, which had numerous real estate holdings in the area.

It is appropriately ironic, now that the railroad tracks of Guilford Avenue have been supplanted by the piers of a major automobile expressway, that the railroad-associated building along Guilford Avenue should give way to the District Court of Maryland - a traffic court. Although an architecturally undistinguished building in our time, it will soon quietly serve the function of buffering the Historic District from the intrusions of the highway, maintaining a solidly built-up human scale on all but the Guilford Avenue edge, where the block is penetrated by parking lots, which are concealed from all eyes but those of future motorists travelling the as yet uncompleted expressway.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

total block area - 170' x 320' 7 1/2"

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

William Pencek Planning Assistant

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

DATE

Nov. 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

26 South Calvert St.

CITY OR TOWN:

Baltimore, Md. 21202

STATE

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

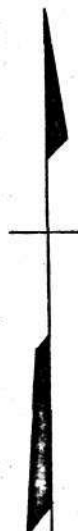
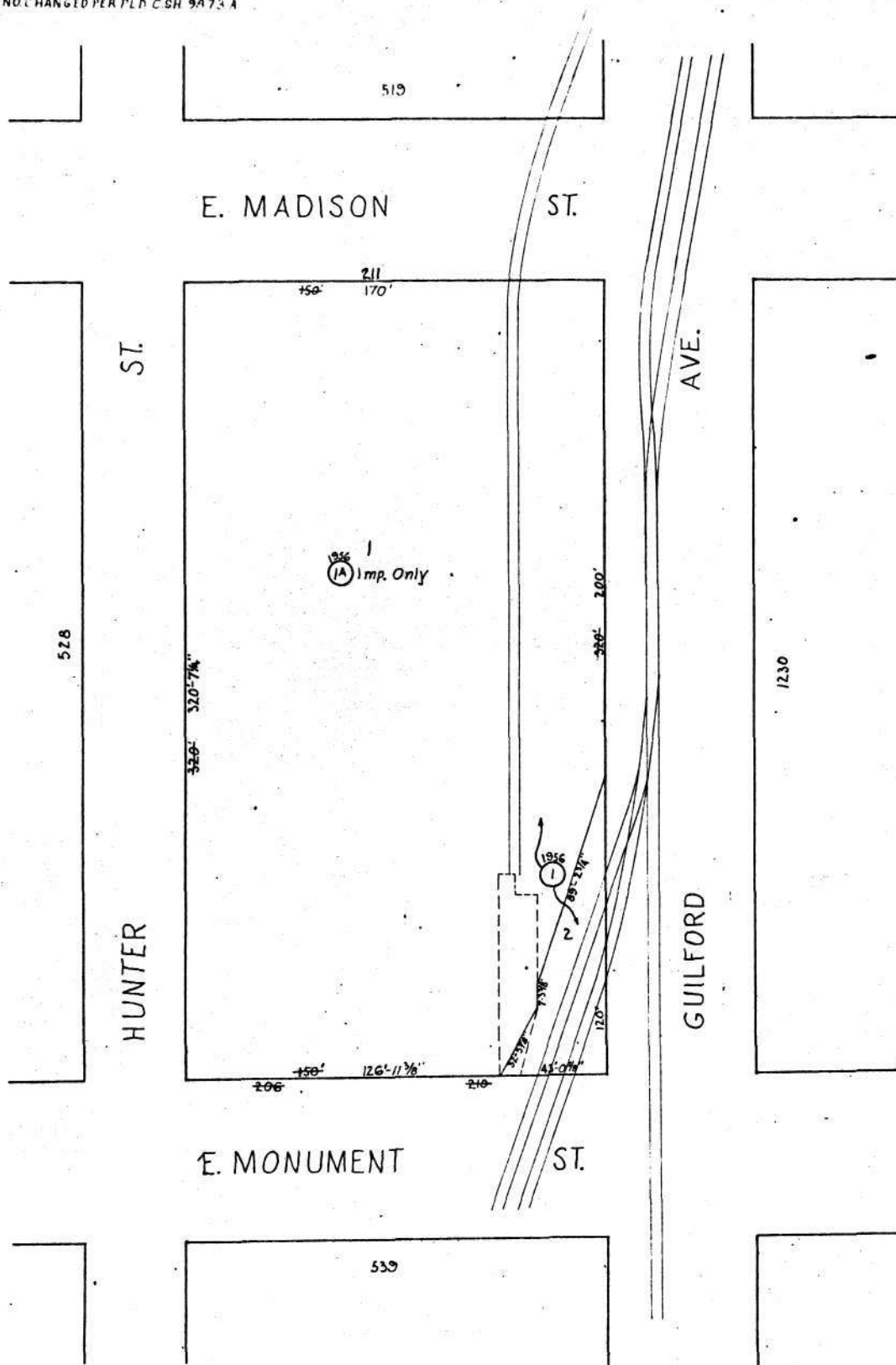
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REVISIONS

Lot 1 Per Daed C.S.H. 7212
LOT 1 NO. NO CHANGED PER PLD C.S.H. 9973 A



NOTICE

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FOR UNDER ARTICLE 70 OF THE CITY CHARTER
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SOURCES AND IS NOT AN AUTHENTIC SURVEY

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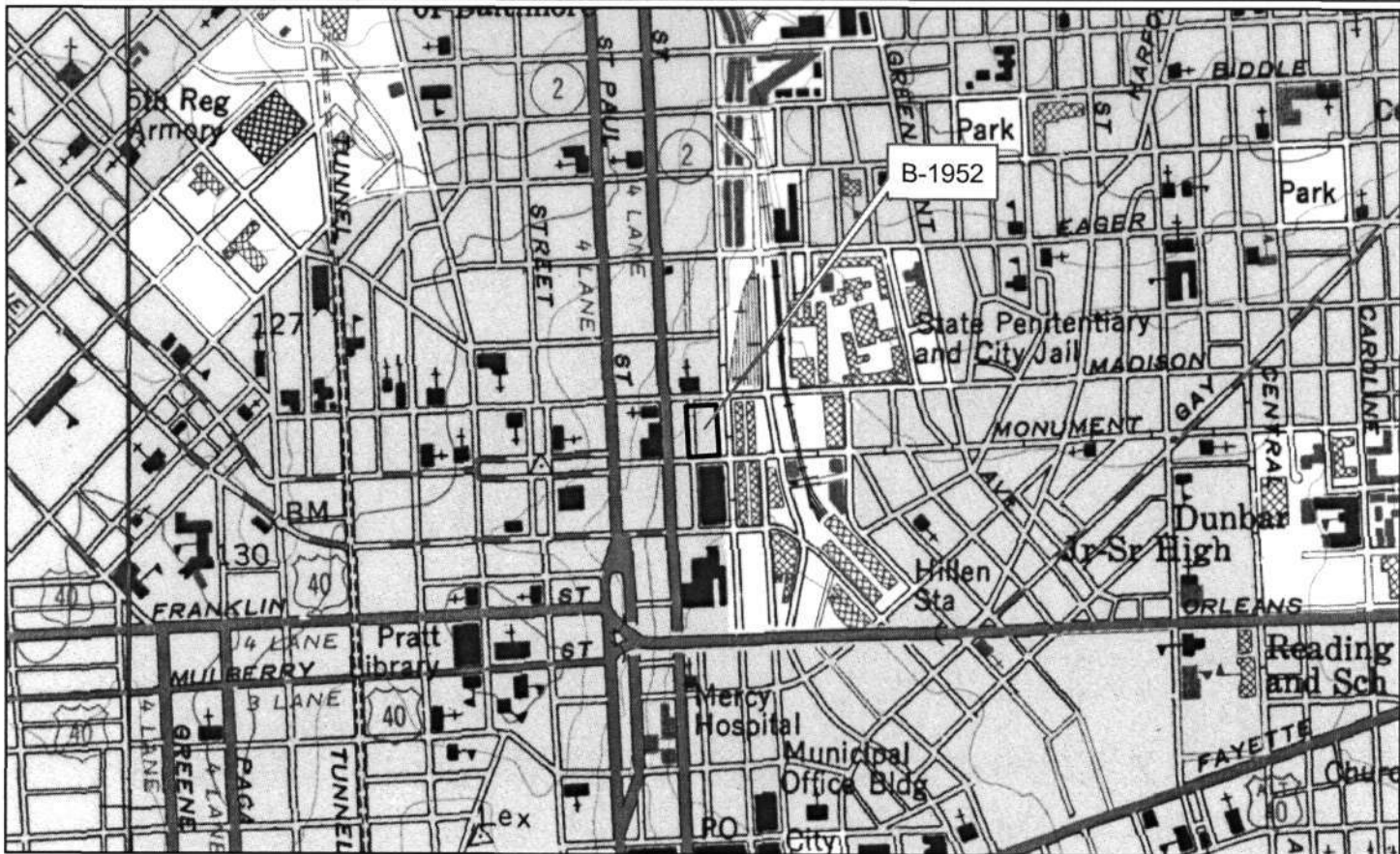
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

WARD II SECTION II
BLOCK 529

SCALE 1 in. = 40 Ft. DATE March 15, 1956





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DISTRICT COURTHOUSE
MADISON/GUILFORD